3D Geometry and Vectors

Math 53, section 213

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1. What 3D figure does the equation $x^2 + z^2 \leq 9$ represent? Sketch it on coordinate axes.

2. Show that the equations $x^2 + y^2 = z^2$, $z \ge 0$ represents an infinite, hollow cone pointing upwards along the z-axis.

3. Write down equations that describe an ice cream cone: that is, a filled in cone with a solid hemisphere sitting on top.

- 4. Find the cosine of the angle between the vectors $\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$ and $\langle 4, 5, 6 \rangle$ in the coordinate plane.
- 5. Find the angle $\angle ABC$ where A = (1, 0, 0), B = (0, 1, 0), and C = (0, 0, 1).

6. Compute the cross product of $\langle 1, 1, -1 \rangle$ and $\langle 2, 4, 6 \rangle$. What is the area of the parallelogram spanned by these vectors?

7. Use the scalar product $\mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c})$ to derive the formula for the volume of a rectangular prism (box) and verify that it is indeed the product of the length, width, and height.

8. What is the volume of the parallelepiped spanned by $\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$, $\langle 4, 5, 6 \rangle$, and $\langle 1, 3, 6 \rangle$?